

Section C -- Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

This section presents data on unemployment and sickness benefits paid to qualified railroad employees under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. Railroad unemployment and sickness benefits, by law, are based on a July-June benefit year. Therefore, railroad unemployment and sickness insurance benefit operations are presented on a benefit year basis, rather than on a fiscal year basis.

Normal benefits of each type may be paid for as many as 130 days in a period of 26 or more weeks but may not exceed the total creditable base year compensation of the beneficiary. After exhaustion of normal benefits, an employee with 10 or more years of railroad service may receive additional benefits in an extended benefit period provided he(she) has not voluntarily retired, has not left work without good cause (for unemployment benefits only), and is less than 65 years old (for sickness benefits only). Extended benefits are paid in a 13-week period. However, prior to enactment of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments Act of 1996, extended benefits would have been paid for a 26-week period to those with 15 or more years of service. Title V of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1991, provided extended unemployment benefits to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional benefits to those with 10-14 years during benefit years 1991-1992 and 1992-1993.

An employee was qualified for benefit year 1999-2000 if in the preceding calendar (base) year his(her) compensation for railroad work, excluding earnings over \$925 a month, was \$2,312.50 or more. Additionally, if the employee was a new entrant to the industry in the base year, he(she) must have had at least five months of service in that year. For a long-service employee (one with 10 or more years of railroad service) a benefit year could be started early if he(she) was not currently qualified but would be qualified for the next benefit year. Also, an extended benefit period could continue beyond the usual June 30 ending date of a benefit year and thus extend the duration of the employee's benefit year. Therefore, the tables in this section on payments for unemployment and sickness that occurred during the July 1999 - June 2000 period include benefits that technically were payable in extensions of the 1998-1999 benefit year or accelerations of the 2000-2001 benefit year as well as those payable for the general benefit year (1999-2000).

Table C1 shows the principal figures for operations in benefit year 1999-2000 and other recent years. Figures in this table refer to payments made and other administrative actions taken under the unemployment and sickness programs during the designated benefit year. Table C2 provides various unemployment and sickness benefit and beneficiary data for benefit years 1970-1971 through 1999-2000. Tables C3 through C7 contain benefit data for unemployment and sickness which occurred in claim periods paid during the particular benefit years stated in the table headings or to which reference is made in the footnotes. Table C8 is a graph of unemployment and sickness beneficiaries by month for benefit year 1999-2000. Table C9 shows the distribution of experience based contribution rates, by number of employers, for 2000.

Payments for maternity under a separate program were discontinued by amendments adopted in 1968. However, provision was made for payment of sickness benefits to female employees prevented from working because of pregnancy or childbirth. The sickness benefit data in this section include such payments.

The unemployment and sickness beneficiary tables for benefit year 1999-2000 include all payments made by June 30, 2000. Benefits are paid for compensable days of unemployment or sickness at a daily rate equal to 60 percent of the employee's last daily rate of pay in the base year, subject to a \$46.00 maximum and a \$12.70 minimum in benefit year 1999-2000.

The most important qualifications of the data for each table are shown in footnotes to the table.

Table C1.-- Principal administrative data for the unemployment and sickness benefit programs, benefit years 1995-1996 through 1999-2000

Item	1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000
Qualified employees.....	289,000	284,800	276,600	272,400	278,200
Maximum daily benefit rate.....	\$36	\$42	\$43	\$44	\$46
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$40,678	\$38,249	\$27,034	\$31,565	\$35,620
Payments:¹					
Number.....	134,800	105,500	71,500	80,800	83,300
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$314	\$358	\$375	\$386	\$399
Beneficiaries.....	16,800	15,300	11,300	12,600	13,700
Applications received.....	22,400	19,500	13,700	15,800	17,500
Claims received.....	162,400	130,200	86,800	97,900	101,400
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	3,400	2,700	2,100	2,000	2,100
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	1,900	1,400	200	200	(3)
SICKNESS BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$25,759	\$32,475	\$33,058	\$34,641	\$40,499
Payments:¹					
Number.....	162,900	154,600	147,500	145,200	151,300
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$338	\$372	\$385	\$394	\$406
Beneficiaries.....	20,400	20,500	20,500	20,600	22,000
Applications received.....	28,000	27,400	26,600	26,300	27,100
Claims received.....	194,100	184,300	171,100	169,000	175,900
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	4,400	4,300	4,300	3,900	4,100
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	2,700	1,300	200	200	100

¹ Not adjusted for recoveries or settlements of underpayments.

² Prior to the October 1996 legislation, no benefits were payable for the first claim in a benefit year, generally resulting in a 2-week waiting period. As a result of the legislation, benefits are payable for each day of unemployment or sickness in excess of 7 during the first 14-day registration period in a benefit year.

³ Less than 50.

NOTE.--Data covered program activities during the year, regardless of when unemployment or sickness occurred.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1970-1971 through 1999-2000

Year	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of gross benefits (thousands)	Beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees ¹	Benefit exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries ¹	Average per beneficiary				
					Creditable registration periods	Creditable/compensable days ²	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits	
								Total for year	Total per week ³
UNEMPLOYMENT									
1970-1971 ⁴	315,700	\$50,557	14	8	4.9	54	\$12.64	\$438	\$63.20
1971-1972 ⁴	196,600	78,344	16	11	6.0	70	12.67	589	63.40
1972-1973 ⁴	100,100	41,653	9	11	6.2	72	12.66	602	63.30
1973-1974.....	45,700	22,933	7	8	5.3	61	12.66	502	63.30
1974-1975.....	76,000	37,298	12	6	5.2	59	12.69	491	63.50
1975-1976.....	104,800	45,827	16	19	7.6	90	23.36	1,392	116.80
1976-1977.....	80,100	110,221	13	16	7.1	84	24.66	1,377	123.30
1977-1978.....	92,700	114,460	15	11	6.3	75	24.88	1,235	124.40
1978-1979.....	96,400	102,575	16	7	5.4	64	24.94	1,065	124.70
1979-1980.....	102,800	122,021	17	11	5.9	71	24.95	1,187	124.80
1980-1981.....	120,300	213,732	19	23	8.5	105	24.97	1,777	124.90
1981-1982.....	145,200	258,822	24	26	8.5	105	24.98	1,783	124.90
1982-1983.....	174,700	398,448	30	37	10.6	134	24.99	2,281	124.95
1983-1984.....	108,500	209,126	21	28	9.2	114	24.98	1,928	124.90
1984-1985.....	80,000	127,437	17	19	7.9	96	24.98	1,594	124.90
1985-1986.....	86,800	142,795	19	19	8.0	98	24.98	1,645	124.90
1986-1987.....	75,200	127,235	18	8	8.2	68	24.72	1,693	123.60
1987-1988.....	54,400	84,938	14	18	7.5	63	24.72	1,561	123.60
1988-1989.....	35,200	59,047	10	15	7.0	59	28.29	1,679	141.45
1989-1990.....	29,900	57,488	9	17	7.5	64	30.14	1,921	150.70
1990-1991.....	30,500	63,315	9	18	7.9	67	30.85	2,078	154.25
1991-1992.....	26,400	⁵ 62,185	8	21	8.7	76	30.94	2,353	154.70
1992-1993.....	20,700	⁵ 51,150	7	19	8.5	75	32.82	2,466	164.10
1993-1994.....	18,600	44,016	6	16	8.1	71	32.94	2,348	164.70
1994-1995.....	18,700	39,670	6	15	6.8	59	35.73	2,120	178.65
1995-1996.....	16,800	42,263	6	19	7.8	69	35.86	2,461	179.30
1996-1997.....	15,300	40,228	5	18	7.2	63	40.57	2,564	202.85
1997-1998.....	11,300	30,175	4	18	6.9	60	42.78	2,571	213.90
1998-1999.....	12,600	35,354	5	16	7.0	62	43.81	2,719	219.05
1999-2000.....	13,700	38,317	5	13	6.9	61	45.51	2,759	227.56

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1970-1971 through 1999-2000 - Continued

Year	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of gross benefits (thousands)	Beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees ¹	Benefit exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries ¹	Average per beneficiary				
					Creditable registration periods	Creditable/ compensable days ²	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits	
								Total for year	Total per week ³
SICKNESS ⁶									
1970-1971.....	79,200	\$54,497	10	15	6.8	91	\$11.21	\$689	\$56.10
1971-1972.....	73,800	49,809	10	13	6.4	86	11.71	675	58.60
1972-1973.....	66,700	42,547	9	11	5.9	79	12.13	638	60.70
1973-1974.....	63,400	39,777	10	11	5.7	77	12.39	627	62.00
1974-1975.....	56,600	35,934	9	11	5.7	76	12.55	635	62.80
1975-1976.....	73,900	85,145	11	13	5.8	78	21.22	1,153	106.10
1976-1977.....	74,800	94,469	12	14	5.9	79	22.66	1,262	113.30
1977-1978.....	75,200	92,213	12	12	5.6	75	23.49	1,266	117.50
1978-1979.....	71,600	87,129	12	12	5.4	72	24.14	1,216	120.70
1979-1980.....	70,500	84,633	11	11	5.3	70	24.59	1,201	122.95
1980-1981.....	68,900	82,990	11	11	5.2	70	24.75	1,205	123.80
1981-1982.....	66,400	83,570	11	12	5.4	72	24.85	1,255	124.25
1982-1983.....	59,300	81,077	10	15	5.8	78	24.88	1,366	124.40
1983-1984.....	52,000	70,000	10	14	5.8	77	24.88	1,346	124.40
1984-1985.....	48,100	65,763	10	14	5.9	78	24.88	1,368	124.40
1985-1986.....	46,400	69,114	10	17	6.4	85	24.88	1,491	124.40
1986-1987.....	45,200	72,678	11	19	6.9	65	24.69	1,609	123.45
1987-1988.....	41,700	66,809	11	18	6.9	65	24.74	1,602	123.70
1988-1989.....	33,700	62,115	9	19	7.1	67	27.63	1,845	138.15
1989-1990.....	28,200	58,337	8	20	7.2	68	30.24	2,068	151.20
1990-1991.....	25,600	54,528	8	21	7.4	69	30.81	2,133	154.05
1991-1992.....	23,600	52,666	7	21	7.7	72	30.97	2,232	154.85
1992-1993.....	21,800	50,693	7	20	7.6	71	32.80	2,323	164.00
1993-1994.....	21,600	50,613	7	16	7.5	71	32.98	2,328	164.90
1994-1995.....	21,000	54,006	7	20	7.7	72	35.74	2,573	178.70
1995-1996.....	20,400	55,437	7	21	7.9	74	35.94	2,652	179.70
1996-1997.....	20,500	60,566	7	21	7.6	70	40.18	2,825	200.90
1997-1998.....	20,500	63,356	7	18	7.7	69	42.90	2,967	214.50
1998-1999.....	20,600	64,203	8	16	7.6	68	43.91	2,999	219.55
1999-2000.....	22,000	69,992	8	17	7.8	69	45.75	3,152	228.73

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1970-1971 through 1999-2000 - Continued

¹ Through benefit year 1985-1986, beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees based on data for current general benefit year; exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries refer to normal benefits only.

² Compensable days data was first used in benefit year 1986-1987. Previous years data refers to creditable days.

³ Benefit for full week of unemployment or sickness.

⁴ Number of beneficiaries in 1970-1971, 1971-1972, and 1972-1973 include those whose only unemployment benefits resulted from brief major strikes; except for the total amount of benefits, all other data relate to the remaining beneficiaries who were paid for regular unemployment. These numbered 99,800 in 1970-1971, 117,400 in 1971-1972 and 64,000 in 1972-1973.

⁵ Includes benefits under Title V of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1991, as amended, which provided extended unemployment benefits paid to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional extended benefits to those with 10-14 years.

⁶ Sickness data exclude benefits not payable because of concurrent entitlement to other social insurance benefits or because of receipt of a personal injury settlement.

NOTE.--Data based on sample tabulations through 1974-1975 and total counts thereafter. Data include all unemployment and sickness in claims periods begun in the year. For this reason, and because adjustments of benefit amounts have occurred after tabulating cutoff dates, the total amounts of benefits differ substantially from the figures in Tables A1 and C1. Beginning in benefit year 1986-1987 the table was compiled using different source materials than those used in previous years.

Table C3.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries in benefit year 1999-2000 and selected data, by completed years of service

Completed years of service	Beneficiaries		Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days on benefit rolls	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
UNEMPLOYMENT					
Under 10	7,700	9	63	\$46	\$2,900
10-14	1,500	8	61	45	2,800
15 and over	4,600	3	56	45	2,500
Total	13,700	5	61	\$46	\$2,800
SICKNESS					
Under 10	5,400	7	64	\$46	\$2,900
10-14	1,900	10	74	45	3,300
15 and over	14,700	8	70	46	3,200
Total	22,000	8	69	\$46	\$3,200

NOTE.-- Data is partly estimated.

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 1999-2000**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
Alabama	188	\$521,000	290	\$903,000
Alaska	43	169,000	1	1,000
Arizona	281	772,000	218	732,000
Arkansas	183	623,000	516	1,745,000
California	707	2,154,000	1,591	5,347,000
Colorado	286	870,000	256	832,000
Connecticut	16	66,000	93	302,000
Delaware	18	74,000	143	478,000
Washington DC	15	51,000	42	171,000
Florida	174	603,000	545	1,690,000
Georgia	230	529,000	605	2,085,000
Hawaii	2	4,000	.....	.....
Idaho	119	352,000	150	518,000
Illinois	1,180	3,563,000	1,661	5,106,000
Indiana	312	872,000	727	2,346,000
Iowa	326	843,000	281	721,000
Kansas	280	676,000	451	1,175,000
Kentucky	265	434,000	586	1,985,000
Louisiana	192	543,000	332	1,129,000
Maine	76	213,000	71	187,000
Maryland	177	545,000	504	1,729,000
Massachusetts	65	190,000	253	897,000
Michigan	401	1,091,000	602	2,070,000
Minnesota	558	1,523,000	391	1,117,000
Mississippi	77	234,000	163	539,000
Missouri	559	1,492,000	670	2,096,000
Montana	427	1,358,000	195	539,000
Nebraska	618	1,648,000	713	1,922,000
Nevada	38	138,000	68	185,000
New Hampshire	13	37,000	20	68,000
New Jersey	134	492,000	753	2,029,000
New Mexico	252	715,000	159	498,000

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 1999-2000 - Continued**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
New York	377	\$1,192,000	1,540	\$4,461,000
North Carolina	98	220,000	255	845,000
North Dakota	416	1,338,000	105	290,000
Ohio	600	1,453,000	1,020	3,459,000
Oklahoma	108	328,000	140	469,000
Oregon	122	372,000	254	846,000
Pennsylvania	773	2,030,000	1,478	5,134,000
Rhode Island	7	19,000	40	125,000
South Carolina	79	174,000	227	784,000
South Dakota	157	441,000	54	145,000
Tennessee	179	429,000	422	1,400,000
Texas	719	1,958,000	1,220	4,141,000
Utah	79	213,000	151	507,000
Vermont	23	66,000	10	37,000
Virginia	379	849,000	616	1,940,000
Washington	359	1,009,000	372	1,174,000
West Virginia	225	587,000	424	1,506,000
Wisconsin	438	1,262,000	379	980,000
Wyoming	364	942,000	198	587,000
Total ¹	13,725	\$38,317,000	21,966	\$69,992,000

¹ Includes beneficiaries whose state of residence was unknown.

NOTE.--Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

Data is partly estimated.

Table C5.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 1999-2000 unemployment, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 1999	Number of beneficiaries				Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Female	Qualified employees	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days of unemployment	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
Under 25.....	336	11	6,100	5	66	\$45.74	\$3,022
25 to 29.....	1,596	77	16,100	10	62	45.78	2,840
30 to 34.....	1,884	91	19,200	10	59	45.80	2,724
35 to 39.....	1,602	131	22,700	7	61	45.70	2,765
40 to 44.....	2,137	160	42,800	5	61	45.52	2,778
45 to 49.....	2,616	144	59,200	4	61	45.51	2,754
50 to 54.....	1,924	129	54,000	4	60	45.29	2,738
55 to 59.....	1,028	65	34,900	3	58	45.19	2,641
60 to 64.....	519	33	18,000	3	61	44.78	2,711
65 to 69.....	60	5	2,200	3	56	42.97	2,422
70 and older.....	23	2	800	3	79	43.51	3,439
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male.....	12,877	.....	254,400	5	59	\$45.58	\$2,704
Female.....	848	848	23,700	4	80	\$44.78	\$3,589
Total¹.....	13,725	848	278,200	5	61	\$45.51	\$2,759

¹ Includes employees whose sex or age was not reported.

NOTE.-- Beneficiary figures based on payments made in the year, regardless of the benefit year for which payment was made. Qualified employees for 1999-2000 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 1998 compensation.

Table C6.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 1999-2000 sickness, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 1999	Number of beneficiaries				Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Female	Qualified employees	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days of unemployment	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
Under 25.....	105	17	6,100	2	47	\$45.68	\$2,125
25 to 29.....	615	109	16,100	4	55	45.73	2,513
30 to 34.....	1,257	281	19,200	7	55	45.80	2,535
35 to 39.....	1,438	315	22,700	6	61	45.79	2,795
40 to 44.....	2,528	349	42,800	6	67	45.52	3,068
45 to 49.....	4,254	388	59,200	7	70	45.76	3,209
50 to 54.....	4,843	384	54,000	9	72	45.74	3,285
55 to 59.....	4,040	292	34,900	12	72	45.92	3,309
60 to 64.....	2,527	144	18,000	14	74	45.74	3,378
65 to 69.....	313	43	2,200	14	65	45.49	2,951
70 and older.....	46	5	800	5	60	41.15	2,475
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male.....	19,639	.....	254,400	8	69	\$45.77	\$3,166
Female.....	2,327	2,327	23,700	10	67	\$45.50	\$3,035
Total¹.....	21,966	2,327	278,200	8	69	\$45.75	\$3,152

¹ Includes employees whose sex or age was not reported.

NOTE.-- Beneficiary figures based on payments made in the year, regardless of the benefit year for which payment was made. Qualified employees for 1999-2000 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 1998 compensation.

Table C7.--Beneficiaries and average compensable days for benefit year 1999-2000 sickness, by type of sickness

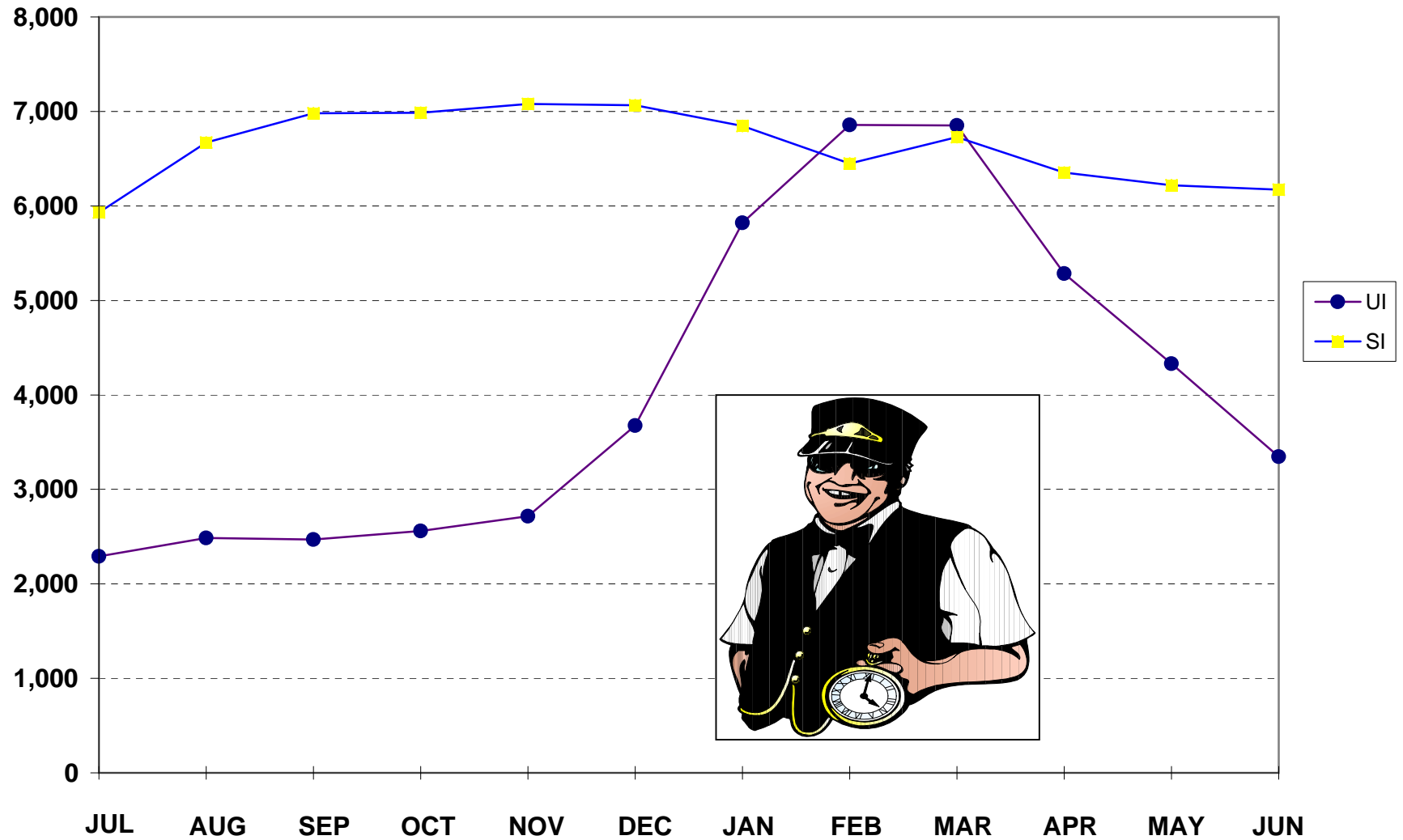
International list no.	Type of sickness	Beneficiaries	Average compensable days of sickness
001-139	Infective and parasitic diseases	149	41
140-239	Neoplasms	1,196	68
240-279	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders	318	74
280-289	Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs	20	35
290-319	Mental disorders	2,320	73
320-389	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	1,639	72
390-459	Diseases of the circulatory system	2,473	68
460-519	Diseases of the respiratory system	677	42
520-579	Diseases of the digestive system	1,345	36
580-629	Diseases of the genitourinary system	241	45
630-679	Pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium, total ¹	328	51
680-709	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	203	41
710-739	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	4,390	95
740-759	Congenital anomalies	234	57
780-799	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions and perinatal morbidity and mortality.	1,118	59
800-999	Injury and complications of poisoning	5,315	64
Total		21,966	69

¹ Includes normal periods of pregnancy and the puerperium in addition to morbidities included in the classifications numbered 630-679.

NOTE.--Type of sickness is determined by the first sickness for which payment was made. Classification by sickness group is in accordance with The International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), United States Government.

**TABLE C8. - UI & SI BENEFICIARIES
BY MONTH FOR BENEFIT YEAR 1999-2000**

Beneficiaries



**TABLE C9. - EXPERIENCE RATING DISTRIBUTION,
BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS, 2000**

EMPLOYERS

